

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A refrigerator cabinet assembly, comprising:  
an outer case including two laterally spaced side  
walls and a top wall interconnecting the two side walls,  
each of the side walls and the top wall including front face  
portions and rear face portions;  
a plurality of reinforcing members for increasing the  
structural strength of the outer case; and  
10 means for securing said plurality of reinforcing  
members to the outer case,  
wherein the refrigerator cabinet assembly is devoid of  
welded portion.
- 15 2. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein  
said plurality of reinforcing members include a first and a  
second lower side reinforcing members.
- 20 3. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein  
said plurality of reinforcing members include a lower front  
reinforcing members.
- 25 4. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein  
said plurality of reinforcing members include an upper front  
reinforcing member.

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5. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 4, wherein said plurality of reinforcing members include a first and a second reinforcing brackets.

5 6. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of reinforcing members include a upper and a lower rear reinforcing members.

10 7. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein the securing members are self-drilling screws.

8. The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer case is a pre-coated metal plate.

15 9. A refrigerator, comprising:  
a cabinet assembly including an outer case including two laterally spaced side walls and a top wall interconnecting the two side walls, a plurality of reinforcing members for increasing the structural strength  
20 of the outer case and means for securing said plurality of reinforcing members to the outer case; and

a plurality of insulating members made of expandable polyethylene,

25 wherein the refrigerator cabinet assembly is devoid of welded portion.